



## Josh

**DOB: January 24, 2002**

Josh enjoys being outside and playing in the dirt, sand or stones. He enjoys fishing and swimming but does require close supervision around younger children. Structure and consistent routines help Josh manage his anxiety and helps him feel emotionally and physically safe. Josh is motivated by spending one-on-one time with adults and enjoys going out to eat at buffets or shopping. He enjoys going to county fairs and watching sports. Josh talks about building motorcycles or driving a tow truck when he is older. Though Josh does not enjoy playing team sports, he does enjoy throwing a football around with others. He enjoys playing board games, video games and watching “Z-nation” on television. Historically, Josh has struggled with trusting adult men but has made improvements in this area with his therapeutic supports so he is able to form trusting relationships with others. He also needs some reminders to use his coping skills when he gets anxious as this helps him to feel calmer. He takes some time to “warm-up” to people because of his past experiences but when he recognizes that a person is emotionally and physically safe, he enjoys spending time with them. At times, Josh can be stubborn and needs encouragement to complete tasks or his school work. Like most kids his age, Josh does not like chores or completing school work but will complete his homework with some reminders and when given breaks.

Josh has an IEP for school due to some social and emotional needs. He was recently diagnosed with Dyslexia which does impact his reading fluency. He participates in therapeutic services to help him address a history of neglect and trauma that he has experienced and is making improvements in these areas. Josh has a special relationship with some of his biological relatives and enjoys spending time with them or talking with them on the phone. It is important for Josh to maintain these relationships when possible as he considers them a strong support and connection for him though they cannot care for him in their home.

**If you are interested in providing a permanent home for Josh, please contact the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services, Foster Care and Adoption Hotline at (440) 350-4218.**